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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: INDONESIA INTEREST IN DEA PRESENCE

REF: JAKARTA 9056

1. DEPARTMENT AND DEA RECOMMEND THAT UNDERSTANDING WITH GOI CONCERNING DEA PRESENCE IN INDONESIA BE IN FORM OF DEA/BAKOLAK EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. IN AS GENERALIZED FORM AS THE GOI WILL ACCEPT, THE DEA LETTER CAN INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT A) NATURE OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN INDONESIA AND THE CONTRIBUTION THAT DEA'S PRESENCE CAN MAKE IN HELPING SOLVE THIS PROBLEM; B) DEA OFFICE BEING PART OF MISSION UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE AMBASSADOR; C) BILATERAL INTENT OF DEA ACTIVITIES IN INDONESIA; AND D) SHARING OF INFORMATION.

2. FYI WE PREFER LETTER FORM OUTLINED ABOVE (OR AGENCY TO AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) IF INDONESIANS INSIST) SO AS TO KEEP ARRANGEMENTS AS GENERAL AND LOW-PROFILE AS POSSIBLE, BOTH TO PERMIT SOME FLEXIBILITY WITH INDONESIANS AND TO AVOID CREATING STRICT AGREEMENT PRECEDENT, WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT THEN DEMAND WITH RESPECT

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TO DEA OR OTHER AGENCIES. AMBASSADOR'S CONTROL OVER DEA

OFFICE SHOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE SAFEGUARD AGAINST MISUNDER-
STANDINGS WITH GOI. WE PREFER THAT DEA SIGN LETTER(OR MOU)

SO AS TO AVOID APPEARANCE OF GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT
AGREEMENT, WHICH WOULD BE MORE VISIBLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES
AND WOULD REQUIRE MORE ELABORATE WASHINGTON CLEARANCE.
END FYI. KISSINGER

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